



TOWN OF FREETOWN
Economic Development Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Location: Counsel on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

PRESENT: Robert Jose, Chairman, Lisa Pacheco, and Bruce Wilbur

ALSO PRESENT: David DeManche, Town Administrator

ABSENT: Jim Rezendes

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM

Sewer Line/Sewer Line Alternatives

Mr. Jose states that the committee had hoped to discuss sewer line options, unfortunately Mr. Rezendes is absent. Board will discuss during the next scheduled meeting.

Economic Opportunities

Mr. Jose states that CoPart, a business that specializes in the resale and re-marketing of salvage title vehicles, wants to purchase 200 Acres out of the 370 Acres for sale by Churchill & Banks. CoPart's plan is to erect a 10,000 square foot building and the rest of the acreage will be utilized as a gravel parking lot. Mr. Jose states stone gravel is permeable, therefore seepage from vehicles can be absorbed directly into the ground, and as the property is on a watershed it may contaminate the water source. Mr. DeManche states the property will need monitoring wells in order to avoid contaminating the water. Mr. Jose stated some properties are currently using pre-processed asphalt.

Ms. Pacheco states CoPart should be made aware of the requirement of a Class II license and possibly a Class III license from the Board of Selectman. Mr. Demanche states there are eight Class II licenses available and one Class III available.

As CoPart's plan is to utilize 100 acres and store 100 cars per acre, equaling 11,000 cars, the Economic Development Committee is currently in favor of another meeting to go over details.

Mr. Jose requested a recommendation from the board to request CoPart do a presentation to the board at the next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

MOTION: Motion made by Ms. Pacheco to recommend CoPart do a presentation at the next scheduled meeting, Seconded by Mr. Wilbur, unanimously approved.

Ms. Pacheco suggested the board could do a map rendering of future development potential of the Assonet/South Main Street Area.

Mr. Jose presents a colored map rendering of the Freetown area. Discussion as to what is available from the 4 Corners to the Fall River line.

Discussion regarding the possibility of creating online pamphlet for marketing the future development of said area.

Mr. Wilbur stated he will do some research as to the map rendering.

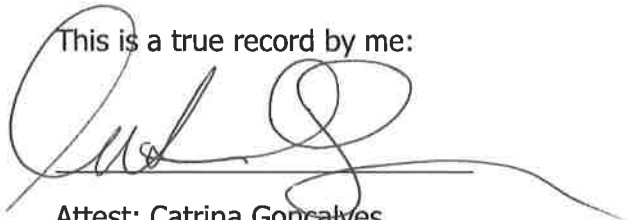
MOTION: Motion made by Mr. Jose that Ms. Pacheco reach out to Ken Fiola to discuss the future possibility of an industrial park, Seconded by Mr. Wilbur, unanimously approved.

Next Meeting Scheduled Meeting

November 20, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Ms. Pacheco to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilbur, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

This is a true record by me:

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Attest: Catrina Goncalves
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